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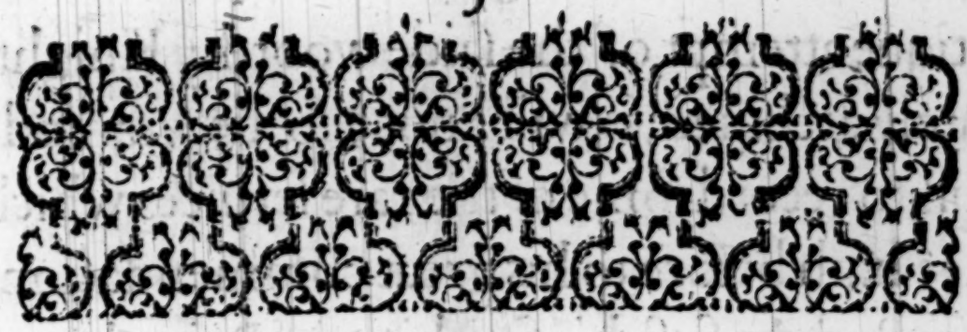

The politique taking of *Zutphen* Skonce, & the beleagering of the Towne of *Deuenter*.

THE honourable ſeruices that the right worshipful ſir *Frauncis Vere* hath performed ſince his being in the *Lowe Countries*, hath beene ſuch as hath eternized his renowne, and runge the fame of his name, not onely into the eares of his freends and fauourers, but alſo into the hearts of his enemies, now remaining in thoſe forraine parts where he is Gouernour, to theyr great terror, & hys vnſpeakable comfort. In remembrance of whoſe braue ſeruices performed, foraſmuch as I haue nowe to deliuer publiquely the pol-

litique attempt of the ſaide woorthy Knight, lately atchiued, ſo will I not alſo be vnmindfull, to record ſome of the rare ſeruices which hee hath before to his great commendations effected. As firſt, his finishing of *Raies* skonce left vnfinished by ſir *Martin Skinck*, next, hys great and honourable exployt, which he vndertooke for the victualing of the Towne of *Barke*, where in valiant manner hee greatlie impayred the ſtrength and power of the Prince of *Parma*, and ſlewe with the ſworde, drowned, & tooke pryſoners, to the number of ſixe thouſand perſons: albeit he had but a ſmal company in reſpect of that huge Army. But God was the worker of this great wonder, by cauſing the Spaniards to fall out with the Italians, and ſo of themſelues going together by the eares, ran confuſedly vppon the Rereward, where they thought to haue foūd a company of feeble Duchmen: but heere (farre contrary to theyr expectation,) they founde planted this valiant Knight, with hys troupes of couragious Englishmen, who together with ſome ayde, wrought the confuſi-

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on of ſo many as is aforeſaid.

In which conflict there was ſlaine at that time, one Marqueſſe, and ſundry other Captaines of great valour & credite, which were on the enemies ſide.

After this hee tooke the Towne of *Breda*, by great pollicie, moneying the Gouernours thereof, and hath ſince ſubdued many other Townes.

I may not forget the Towne of *Buricke*, nor *Graue Skonce*, where hee behaued himſelfe, to the high commendation of all English Souldiors. *Hemarte* and *Haile*, *Steenbargen*, and many other Townes: all theſe hee hath Souldiour-like attempted to winne with the ſworde, and gotten them ſince hys going ouer: ſtill ioyning his forces, power, & pollicies, wyth the powers of the *Graue van Maurice*, whoſe ſtrength more and more doth daily increaſe, whoſe valiancie and forwardnes is ſuch and ſo great, as may be in any man at armes, that intendeth to be reuenged vpon thoſe trayterous people, for the innocent bloodshed and vntimely death of his

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deceaſed Father.

A notable exployt had beene gyuen by thys valiant Knight,& by him a valiant peece of ſeruice had beene performed vppon the Towne of *Dunkerke*, to the ouerthrowe of the trecherous aduerſaries therein, had not the ſame beene preuented by ſome ſecret intelligence, which was giuen vnto them concerning the ſame.

Nowe this valiant Gouernour ſir *Frauncis Vere*, ſeeing the Skonce of *Zutphen* held very ſtrongly,& hauing by ſundry meanes ſought to win it,as well by force as pollicie,(wherein though he failed) yet purpoſed he to obtaine it by one means or other: wherupon with an vndaunted reſolution,hee determined to put this practiſe in proofe, which in the end God be thanked, came to good ſucceſſe. He cauſed ſundry of his ſouldiours,ſecretly to be apparrelled in the habite of poore *M*arket folks, as well of men as women, ſome dryuing of Oxen, ſome of Kine, ſome of sheepe,ſome of Hogs,and ſome driuing of Goates.

Theſe people thus being driuing of Cattle,

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were purſued & chaſed by ſome Souldiours, as though they had beene their enemies, by meanes whereof the Cattle and poore people were receiued by the enemie, intending to ſuccour thē, while without any ſuſpition thoſe poore people being couragious ſouldiors, hauing got the gates opened, ſeazed vppon the Keepers thereof, ſo that in the meane time the other iſſued, and immediatly ſir *Frauncis Vere* folowed with a ſufficient troupe of horſmen, and foote. This was doone vpon the 13. of May laſt paſt, at what time hee tooke the Skonſe, and nowe enioyeth the ſame peaceably without any loſſe of men.

On the 15. day of May folowing, the Countie *Maurice*, ſonne to the renowned for Chiualry *VVilliam* of *Naſsaw* Prince of *Orange*, being accompanied with ſir *Frauncis Vere*, beſieged the towne of *Zutphen*, with nine thouſand foote-men, and ſeauenteene hundred horſe-men.

On the 18. day of May, there was planted thirty & ſixe, (others ſay but twenty & ſixe) peeces for battry againſt the wals of *Zutphen*,

al which they did discharge som two or three times, wherupon the Townsmen fell to parly and composition, so that vpon the 19. day of May, the Towne was yeelded vppe into the hands of the Countie *Mawrice*, vpon condition, that the Souldiours in the Towne, being on the enemies side, might haue theyr lyues preserued, that they might not goe to *Deuenter*, but to depart with bag and baggage, some of them offering to serue the Countie *Mawrice*, which he graciously accepted, offering vnto them all, that those who woulde serue hym, should haue entertainment, wherupon one Ensigne of Wallouns tarried in hys seruice, with some of the enemies chiefest Captaines.

Nowe when the Countie *Mawrice* had obtained the Towne of *Zutphen*, he fortified & replenished the same with Souldiours, out of hys owne troupes, and leauing it well & in good order, hee departed the next day towards *Deuenter*, except some small number, who went to besiege a Castle, which they tooke, and then returned to the Campe.

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There is great likeli-hood that *Deuenter* is by this time yeelded: for ſuch is the valiant courage of the Countie *Mawrice*, & ſir *Francis Vere*, that doubtleſſe by Gods aſsiſtance, they do not pretend to raiſe theyr ſiege, vntil they haue obtained it, and conſtrained them to yeeld it vp, with ſpeede.

At the planting of the Ordinance, there was a great mishap befell vppon the Countie *Mawrice* ſide, for the valiant County of *Oberſteyn* was ſlayne.

Thus haue you heard particularly diſcourſed, the true newes of the taking of *Zutphen* Skonce, and of the yeelding of the Towne, with the beſieging of *Deuenter*, where the Captaines and Gouernours nowe in ſiege againſt it, are not onely couragious, but alſo ſuch as do put theyr whole ttuſt in the liuing God, and therfore are reſolued that hee wyll preſerue them, that hee will ſtrengthen & defende them againſt the ſtrength of the enemie, who though hee be neuer ſo ſtrong, yet God is alwaies ſtronger then he, as appeareth

by thys enſuing diſcourſe of ſir *Roger VVilliams*, whoſe valour hath beene oft-times tryed in the face of the enemie: in which Hiſtorie appeareth, that if ſtrength of men might haue preuailed, it had beene vnpoſsible for him to haue eſcaped with lyfe. The God of heauen proſper them all, graunt them to ouer come theyr aduerſaries, and ſend thē to England with trymphant victory. *Amen.*

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THE HONOVRABLE Enterprise of Sir *Roger Williams Knighte*.

Performed vpon a thousande and two hundred of the Enemies Souldiours, or Leagors, lying at *Cinque Saunce*, nine leagues from *Deepe*.

VVho were all put to the sword, vpon Thursday before Whitsunday last, beeing the xx. day of May. Anno. 1591.

THE honorable attẽpts which that renowned Knight Sir *Roger VVilliams*, hath sundry times made vpon the enemy, not onely by entering by force of Armes into his strongest holdes, but also in withstanding and resisting his mightie and huge multitude of Armed men, that haue sundry times to theyr great losse, assaulted, & made offers for entrance into such Townes and holds wherof hee hath had charge: hath giuen mee iust

cauſe to publish this hys moſt laudable enterpriſe, which was lately performed againſt two Regiments of Souldiours, both hardie and skilfull, (although on the enemies ſide,) who hauing a wrong cauſe in hand, are ouerthrown by the outſtretched Arme of the Almighty, the one Regiment appertaining to *Lorrayne*, the other to *Mounſier de la Lownde.*

Theſe two Regiments came from *Roan*, and planted theſelues at *Cinque Saunce*, ſuppoſing there to inhabite, and to ſurpriſe and gette victuals for theyr maintenaunce. To this end they fortified themſelues rounde about with *Barricadoes*, which kinde of fortification is very ſtrong: yet for that it may the more eaſily be vnderſtoode of the ſimple ſort of people, I haue thought good to deſcribe it heere in more plaine manner, that they may as well know and vnderſtand it, as thoſe that haue beene continually trayned vppe in Martiall exerciſes.

Thys kinde of fortification called the *Barricadoes*, is Pipes, Hogs-heads, Wine veſſels, and ſuch like, which beeing filled and harde

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rammed with earth, are ſette cloſe one by one, each by other, and one vppon another, which is of ſuch force and weight, that they can not be eaſily remooued or entred into, but ſtandeth as ſtrong as any Mudde-wall, whereinto shotte of verie great force cannot enter but recoyle: thus were they encloſed, as is aforeſaide, within this *Barricadoes*, and none durſt paſſe by them for feare of theyr liues.

But theſe two Regiments, for theyr better ſafetie, omitted not the hammering in theyr heades, howe they might find meanes for the ſame: and ſo conſented, that for theyr more aſſurance, they placed a troupe of horſmen in a Wood, diſtant two leagues off from the place where they had fortified theſelues, the ſame Wood beeing full in the paſſage or high-way from *Deepe*, ſuppoſing therby, that if any reſiſtance shoulde come from *Deepe*, (which they greatly doubted) that ſome of thoſe horſe-men might retyre backe, onelie to giue intelligence vnto the two Regiments, whereby they might not onely come them-

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ſelues for the ſurpryſing of the power, but thereby alſo procure a freſh ſupply frõ *Roan*, to backe them if occaſion should ſerue.

The Gouernour of *Deepe*, named *Mounſier de Chartres*, with Sir *Roger VVilliams*, who lately came thether, and being there at that preſent, hauing receiued intelligence of the fortification, and intent of the Enemie, together with the great ſtrength of the *Barricadoes*, reſolued ſpeedily to depart from *Deepe*, which they did the ſame euening, taking theyr iourney towardes *Cinque Saunce*, which is nine Leagues from thence. Thys was on Wednesday in the euening, before Whitſonday laſt, and trauailing all the night, came to the Wood on the next morning being Thurſday, hauing with them foure hundred French-men, & three hundred Englishmen, where they found a troupe of horſmen to reſiſt theyr paſſage, vpon whom they made a very fierce aſſault: but the Englishmen gaue ſuch a hote charge vpõ them, that all thoſe horſe-men were ſoone ſurpriſed & ſlaine, ſo that none of thẽ eſcaped any waie,

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to diſcouer any thing heereof vnto thoſe that lay fortified in the *Barricadoes*. Thus leauing the dead bodies of the horſ-mẽ in the wood, & taking ſome of their horſſes, the Gouernor & ſir *Roger VVilliams* paſſed along to *Cinque Saunce*, & being come thether before noone, they deſcried the enemy with their Enſignes diſplaied within their fortification. But the Gouernour of *Deepe*, perceiuing their fortification to be wonderful ſtrong, alleaged that it was vnpoſsible to enter it, & therefore perſwaded ſir *Roger* to goe back againe, and the rather conſidering that the enemie was two to their one.

But ſir *Roger* who hath alwaies borne an vndaunted minde, and known to be a man greatly approued in ſuch Martiall attempts, replyed, ſaying, that it were a great dishonor for him ſo to do, wherefore he choſe to haue ſette vpon them with his own three hundred men, though it should coſt both him & them their liues, rather then to shrinke from them, or to be daunted by their great countenance of ſtrength, without attempting to enter thẽ,

conſidering they were neere in ſight one of another, and with this reſolution aduaunced his colours, marched towards them, meaning himſelfe wyth his ſmall company, by the aſsiſtance of God, vpon whom he onely truſted, eyther to enter and ſurpriſe them, or els to loſe his life in that place.

The Gouernour of *Deepe*, ſeeing the braue and moſt honourable reſolution of Sir *Roger*, was wonderfully encouraged to the enterpriſe, and thereuppon proteſted to take part alſo in the ſaide attempt with his 4. hundred ſouldiours, what ſoeuer shold chaunce or betide vnto him, and thereuppon diſplaied hys Enſigne, and together with Sir *Roger*, vowed by Gods aſsiſtance to enter the *Barricadoes*, and to charge vpon the enemie. Whereupon the Gouernour cheered vp his ſouldiours, & willed thē to fight in the behalfe of their lawful King, whoſe right they were bound to defend, & whoſe right doubtles Almighty God wil proſper to the confuſion of his enemies.

Sir *Roger VVilliams* alſo in very louing and familiar ſort, as his vſuall cuſtome is, cheered

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vp his Souldiours,and vttered vnto them this effectuall ſpeech following.

The ſpeech which Sir *Roger Williams* deliuered vnto his Souldiours, before hee entred or begun the aſſault on the enemies and Leagors at *Cinque Saunce.*

MY welbeloued ſouldiours,freends, and Countrimen,know that thoſe on whō we preſently purpoſe to charge, are people of great skill, ſufficiently trained vp in Martiall Diſcipline,ſtout,hardy,and approoued in wars: and that it is our greater honour to deale with thē, the one Regiment of theſe ſouldiours are of *Lorrayne*,which is the principalleſt ſtrength & faction appertaining to the houſe of *Guiſe*,or Legors,& the other regiment are gouerned by a Captaine of great valour,who wil hazard hys life in the defence of hys cauſe: yet foraſmuch as theyr cauſe is bad,no doubt their ſucceſſe in the ende cannot be good, howſoeuer it fall out with vs at this preſent,they beeing two to one of vs.

Neuertheleſſe conſider,that in troth they are but Traytors to their King, they are alſo

disturbers of the state, and vpholders of such as are like themselues, euen Arch-traytors: who to depriue the King of life and dignitie, enscence and perswade these to take parts in theyr behalfe, thereby to vsurpe the Crowne and estate, contrary to right, law & dutie: for which, they not onely deserue sharpe death in this world, but also in the worlde to come, vtter destruction. And although they be far stronger in power then we, yet let vs put our trust in the Lord, and hee no doubt will fight for vs, yea it is that God that doubtlesse fighteth still for the faithfull, & strengtheneth the weaker sort if they trust vpõ him: God hath from time to time daunted the harts of traytors, hee striketh terror and feare into theyr harts, & that with such suddaine amazement, that commonly they are constrained to flye, and run stragling as sheepe without a sheepheard: what know we if it be the pleasure of God to deale so fauourably with vs, as to deliuer our enemies this day into our handes? no doubt if we doe put our trust in him, hee wil not suffer one haire of our head to perish:

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yea, he hath promiſed to the faithfull beleeuers in him, that he will treade their enemies in the duſt.

Let vs therefore pray vnto him, and put our truſt in him, & then we neede not doubt of the victory, notwithſtanding their skyll, ſtrength & courage, for God fighteth for vs, and therefore doubtleſſe we shall preuaile againſt them. Thus doone, they prayed together hartily (to God) vpõ their knees, to giue them the vpper hand ouer their enemies.

After they had prayed vnto Almighty God, and promiſed each to other, either to vanquish the enemie, or to die euery man at the others feete, rather then they would flye one foote: they immediatlie refreshed thẽſelues with ſuch victuall, as they had, and then marched forwarde with great courage, diſplayed their Enſignes, ſtrooke vppe theyr Drums, & with their Trumpets ſounded defiance to the enemies face. Thus with an vndaunted reſolution, the valiant English Souldiours gaue a fierce charge vpon the enemy, & did aſſault them in ſuch ſorte, as if they had

not trauailed al night, or skirmished with any other before their cõming thither. This fight continued two houres ſpace, in which tyme, much powder & shotte was ſpent againſt the *Barricadoes*, into which the Souldiours by ſtrong hand valiantly entred, Sir *Roger* being one of the formoſt, who buckled and fought hand to hand with the principal Gouernours of the enemies ſouldiours: againſt whom alſo the Gouernour of *Deepe* iſſuing, did valiantly behaue himſelfe. In the ende, ſuch was the good ſucceſſe of the English ſouldiours by ſtil hartening on the French-men, that the enemies were conſtrained to turne their backes, being not able to fight any longer, or to flye from them, by reaſon they were all encloſed within the compaſſe of the *Barricadoes*, as if it had been in a ſtone wall. Thus did the English and French ſouldiours put thoſe two Regiments of ſouldiours to the ſworde, ſuffering none to eſcape aliue.

After it had pleaſed God to giue them this happy victory, they humbly vpon their knees gaue thanks vnto him for the ſame, ſinging

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Pſalmes of prayſe to the Higheſt, for proſpering them in their enterpriſe, acknowledging that it was the outſtretched Arme of GOD which had brought this miraculous thing to paſſe.

In thys battaile ſir *Roger* and the Gouernour of *Deepe* loſt very fewe men, for in al, there was not ſlain of their ſide aboue eleuen men, beſides a few that were hurt, and in ſuch ſort, as that they are like ſoone to be cured.

The Generals heereupon tooke order, not to ſtay at anie hand, but ſpeedily to returne againe to *Deepe*, ſuſpecting, leaſt ſome freſh ſupply ſhould come from *Roan* vppon them, or by caſting about, meete them in the midway homeward: and therefore gaue order immediatly that the Souldiours ſhould leaue their ſpoyle behind them, to the ende they might not ouer-charge themſelues with carriage: to which they were obedient, taking nothing with them, but thoſe things which were light & eaſie of carriage. Thus they returned ſafely to *Deepe*, without tarrying, ſhewing therein a notable fore-ſight that Sir *Roger* had to preuent the comming of the enemie: who as it is credibly reported, came with a great power to meete thē in the midſt of the high way, but Sir *Roger* & his troupes, were gone paſt foure houres before; by meanes whereof, the Enemie (God be thanked) was preuented of his purpoſe, and loſt his labour.

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